

Indiana Regional Plan for Child Welfare Services

2009-2011 Regional Services for Child Welfare Services – Discontinued Services

TO: All ICWIS Users; Child Welfare Services Regional Coordinators; All Regional Service Council Members; Providers of Services; All Judges with Juvenile Jurisdiction; All Chief Probation Officers

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With the implementation of HEA 1001, all Child Welfare Services provided to counties/regions **must** be provided under State contract after January 1, 2009.

In preparation for this effort, some basic premises/policies are outlined below:

1. The primary purpose of Waves 2, 3, and 4 is to accept proposals for placing under state contract those services that have been purchased by local agreement.
2. That regional Community Partners for Child Safety (CPCS) will “broker” prevention services in each region.
3. That there are regional allocations of Child Welfare Services funding as well as allocations of the Family and Children Funding “brokered” through the Regional Services Councils.
4. That DCS create a funding opportunity halfway through the contracting cycle beginning January 1, 2009 for the posting of additional Service Standards as well as opportunity to receive proposals for standards posted in Waves 1, 2, 3, and 4.
5. That DCS make “Flexible Funding” available for families served by DCS and CPCS.
6. That DCS allocate “Flexible Funding” amounts to each region and that Flexible Funding be managed by the Regional Services Councils.

Therefore, there are three (3) categories of services that DCS will not purchase in the same manner as has been purchased in the past. For example: Services that are funded based on criteria developed by other state agencies such as the Family and Social Services Administration Department of Mental Health and Addictions; the Family and Social Services Administration Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services; the Department of Education and the Department of Corrections.

Category 1: Specific agency services that should be delivered in partnership with another state agency. DCS will continue these programs for one more year beginning January 1, 2009. Discussions with other state agency partners will begin soon. These programs will be notified individually of DCS intent.

Category 2: General services that should transition to another state agency. DCS will fund the following programs for another year for the periods:

- Alternative Schools. If an alternative school received funding on July 1, 2008 through funds at the local level, the service will be continued from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. DCS funding will discontinue on June 30, 2009.
- DCS Hotlines (intake lines) will be continued from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Category 3: Programs that will be funded in a separate way

- Therapeutic Foster Care

- Healthy Families
- First Steps
- Child Care Programs
- Body Safety Programs (Good Touch/Bad Touch/Little Bear Programs)

In addition, DCS intends to discontinue the following services:

- Socialization programs
- Mentoring
- Private schools
- Programs delivered in Residential settings that should be part of the residential rate.
Example: Counseling and School Expenses
- Programs for Families Failing to Meet Community Partners Requirements
- Smoking Cessation Programs
- Stand Alone Polygraphs
- Foster Respite Care
- Blood/DNA/Genetic Testing

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